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... In an article in the *Congregationalist* for July 14 on "Spears and Pruning Hooks," Prof. John E. McFadyen of Toronto says that "there lies upon those who have the high task of training the young — whether in home or school, in church or college — a very solemn responsibility. They must see to it that the weapons they are daily helping to forge will turn out in the end not spears but pruning hooks."

... "Strife is the law of a low order of being. A higher law is that of fellowship. And whatever fosters the life of the levels below man leads him back to barbarism." — *Charles Wagner*.

... At the Red Cross Conference at Geneva the representatives from the United States gave a banquet to their Latin-American colleagues, and otherwise endeavored as far as possible to act in unison with them.

... Incident after incident is continually occurring which reveals the prodigious amount of expense which the present preparations for war involve, and which give some faint prophecy of what actual European hostilities would cost. The French Finance Minister, Mr. Poincare, recently disclosed in an official document that during the Moroccan crisis the French government spent no less than \$50,000,000 in preparations for war with Germany. Did Germany spend as much? What frightfully inhuman and senseless things war scares are!

... In the annual contest in oratory this year given by the Oratorical Association of the Detroit College of Law three prizes were given, the first two being gold medals and the third a silver medal. The second prize was won by Frederick Van Roy of the Class of 1907, whose subject was "The Progress of Peace." Mr. Van Roy proposes to make a special study of the peace movement the coming year, and make an effort to carry off the first prize next year.

... The *Echo de Paris* for July 7 published an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, who is visiting Paris. Sir Wilfrid expresses strong approval of the friendly understanding between Great Britain and France, which he said was not an ephemeral *rapprochement*, but a logical and necessary alliance which would not be broken. Great Britain and France, he said, would be at the head of a new civilization in Europe.

... The Woman's Congress, recently held in Paris, devoted a good deal of attention to the subject of peace. The *Memorial Diplomatique* says that "the whole assembly voted unanimously in favor of peace." At the closing banquet Frederic Passy and Senator d'Estournelles de Constant were among the speakers.

... The new commercial treaty between the United States and Spain was signed at San Sebastian on the 19th of July by the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gullon, and the American Minister at Madrid, Mr. William M. Collier. The Spanish press welcomes the treaty as entirely satisfactory to Spain, and as furnishing evidence of the friendly intercourse between the two powers. We hope the masses of our own people feel the touch of friendliness in it, for it is not so long ago that many of our civilized citizens were wanting to "bang the Spaniards off the face of the earth!"

... The subject of the ratification of the Algeiras convention was postponed by the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs till the next session of Congress, which meets in December.

... The parliament of Finland was represented for the first time in the Interparliamentary Conference at the meeting which opened at London on the 23d of July.

... A gentleman of high standing has recently sent us a check for \$25 to make his granddaughter, who has just reached the age of ten, a life member of the American Peace Society. In writing, he says: "I enclose with this my check on the ——— Bank, this city, for \$25, in payment for life membership in the American Peace Society for my granddaughter, ———, who has just arrived at her tenth birthday, and who I am anxious should grow up with a complete knowledge of what the above Society teaches, hoping and expecting that this knowledge will later make her an earnest worker in a cause, the success of which means so much for us and the generations which follow us."

He Loved Much.

BY JAMES ARTHUR EDGERTON.

When it is time to lay this earthly shell
Within its confined house, place over me
No gilded tomb, nor lofty pinnacle,
To indicate post mortem vanity;
But let there be a spot of greenery,
With roses blowing at the foot and head;
And, if a slab, upon it let there be
No mocking praises of the spirit fled;
But simply "He loved much" is all that need be said.

In striving to my prompting to be true,
Whatever words I may be moved to say,
Whatever deeds I may be called to do,
Whatever part is given me to play,
Prate not of these above my crumbling clay.
The incidents of station, wealth, or fame,
Are vanities of earth that pass away,
As fleeting as the breath of men's acclaim;
But Love lives on for aye, the soul's undying flame.

Then say that "He loved much." It is enough.
Perhaps he suffered, yet was well repaid;
For though his course through life was steep and rough,
The love returned to him that pathway made
As one that leads across a flowery glade;
And though his words and deeds were oft uncouth
And oft in waywardness his footsteps strayed,
It was that love which led him back to truth
And kept his spirit sweet in one eternal youth.

Fifteenth Universal Peace Congress.

MILAN, ITALY, Sept. 15-22, 1906.

The Committee on Organization of the Fifteenth Universal Peace Congress has sent out from Milan the following circular to the various peace societies and other interested organizations throughout the world:

The Fifteenth Universal Peace Congress will meet this year at Milan from the 15th to the 22d of September. It will be a new link added to the long chain of our Congresses. It will be a new demonstration of the progress realized by our noble ideal from the Congresses of Paris (1889), London (1890) and Rome (1891), until the last one at Lucerne, following the Congresses of